Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1. An apparatus for forming a wellbore casing in a borehole located in a subterranean formation including a preexisting wellbore casing, comprising: a support member including a first fluid passage; an expansion cone coupled to the support member including a second fluid passage fluidicly coupled to the first fluid passage; an expandable tubular liner movably coupled to the expansion cone; and an expandable shoe that defines an interior region for containing fluidic materials coupled to the expandable tubular liner.
- 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the expansion cone is expandable.
- 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the expandable shoe includes a valveable fluid passage for controlling the flow of fluidic materials out of the expandable shoe.
- 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the expandable shoe includes: an expandable portion; and a remaining portion coupled to the expandable portion; wherein the outer circumference of the expandable portion is greater than the outer circumference of the remaining portion.
- 5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the expandable portion includes: one or more inward folds.
- 6. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the expandable portion includes: one or more corrugations.
- 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the expandable shoe includes: one or more inward folds.
- 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the expandable shoe includes:

one or more corrugations.

- 9. A shoe, comprising: an upper annular portion; an intermediate annular portion coupled to the upper annular portion; and a lower annular portion coupled to the intermediate portion; wherein the intermediate annular portion has an outer circumference that is larger than the outer circumferences of the upper and lower annular portions.
- 10. The shoe of claim 9, wherein the lower annular portion includes a valveable fluid passage for controlling the flow of fluidic materials out of the shoe.
- 11. The shoe of claim 9, wherein the intermediate portion includes: one or more inward folds.
- 12. The shoe of claim 9, wherein the intermediate portion includes: one or more corrugations.
- 13. A method of forming a wellbore casing in a subterranean formation having a preexisting wellbore casing positioned in a borehole, comprising:

installing a tubular liner, an expansion cone, and a shoe that defines an interior region for containing fluidic materials in the borehole;

radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe by injecting a fluidic material into the interior region of the shoe; and

radially expanding at least a portion of the tubular liner by injecting a fluidic material into the borehole below the expansion cone.

- 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising: radially expanding the expansion cone.
- 15. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

lowering the expansion cone into the radially expanded portion of the shoe; and

radially expanding the expansion cone.

- 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising: radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe and the tubular liner by injecting a fluidic material into the borehole below the radially expanded expansion cone.
- 17. The method of claim 13, further comprising:radially expanding at least a portion of the preexisting wellbore casing.
- 18. The method of claim 17, further comprising: overlapping a portion of the radially expanded tubular liner with a portion of the preexisting wellbore casing.
- 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner is substantially equal to or greater than the inside diameter of a nonoverlapping portion of the preexisting wellbore casing.
- 20. The method of claim 17, further comprising: applying an axial force to the expansion cone.
- 21. The method of claim 13, wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded shoe is greater than or substantially equal to the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner.
- 22. A method of forming a tubular structure in a subterranean formation having a preexisting tubular member positioned in a borehole, comprising:

installing a tubular liner, an expansion cone, and a shoe that defines an interior region for containing fluidic materials in the borehole; radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe by injecting a fluidic material into the interior region of the shoe; and

- radially expanding at least a portion of the tubular liner by injecting a fluidic material into the borehole below the expansion cone.
- 23. The method of claim 22, further comprising: radially expanding the expansion cone.
- 24. The method of claim 22, further comprising: lowering the expansion cone into the radially expanded portion of the shoe; and radially expanding the expansion cone.
- 25. The method of claim 24, further comprising:
 radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe and the tubular liner by
 injecting a fluidic material into the borehole below the radially expanded
 expansion cone.
- 26. The method of claim 22, further comprising: radially expanding at least a portion of the preexisting tubular member.
- 27. The method of claim 26, further comprising: overlapping a portion of the radially expanded tubular liner with a portion of the preexisting tubular member to provide a load bearing interface and a fluidic seal.
- 28. The method of claim 27, wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner is substantially equal to the inside diameter of a nonoverlapping portion of the preexisting tubular member.
- 29. The method of claim 26, further comprising: applying an axial force to the expansion cone.

- 30. The method of claim 22, wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded shoe is greater than or substantially equal to the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner.
- 31. An apparatus for forming a wellbore casing in a borehole located in a subterranean formation including a preexisting wellbore casing, comprising: a support member including a first fluid passage; an expandable expansion cone coupled to the support member including a second fluid passage fluidicly coupled to the first fluid passage; an expandable tubular liner movably coupled to the expansion cone; and an expandable shoe that defines an interior region for containing fluidic materials coupled to the expandable tubular liner comprising: a valveable fluid passage for controlling the flow of fluidic materials out of the expandable shoe; an expandable portion including one or more inward folds; and a remaining portion coupled to the expandable portion; wherein the outer circumference of the expandable portion is greater than the outer circumference of the remaining portion.
- 32. A shoe, comprising:

an upper annular portion;

- an intermediate annular portion coupled to the upper annular portion including one or more inward folds; and
- a lower annular portion coupled to the intermediate portion including a valveable fluid passage for controlling the flow of fluidic materials out of the shoe:
- wherein the intermediate annular portion has an outer circumference that is larger than the outer circumferences of the upper and lower annular portions.
- 33. A method of forming a wellbore casing in a subterranean formation having a preexisting wellbore casing positioned in a borehole, comprising:

installing a tubular liner, an expansion cone, and a shoe in the borehole;

radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe by injecting a fluidic material into the shoe;

lowering the expansion cone into the radially expanded portion of the shoe; radially expanding the expansion cone;

- radially expanding at least a portion of the tubular liner by injecting a fluidic material into the borehole below the expansion cone; and
- overlapping a portion of the radially expanded tubular liner with a portion of the preexisting wellbore casing;
- wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded shoe is greater than or equal to the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner; and wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner is equal to or greater than the inside diameter of a nonoverlapping portion of the preexisting wellbore casing.
- 34. A method of forming a tubular structure in a subterranean formation having a preexisting tubular member positioned in a borehole, comprising:

installing a tubular liner, an expansion cone, and a shoe in the borehole; radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe by injecting a fluidic material into the shoe;

lowering the expansion cone into the radially expanded portion of the shoe; radially expanding the expansion cone;

- radially expanding at least a portion of the tubular liner by injecting a fluidic material into the borehole below the radially expanded expansion cone; and
- overlapping a portion of the radially expanded tubular liner with a portion of the preexisting tubular member to provide a load bearing interface and a fluidic seal;
- wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded shoe is greater than or equal to the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner; and wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner is equal to
 - the inside diameter of a nonoverlapping portion of the preexisting tubular member.

35. An apparatus for forming a wellbore casing in a borehole located in a subterranean formation including a preexisting wellbore casing, comprising: a support member;

an expansion device coupled to the support member;

an expandable tubular liner movably coupled to the expansion device; and an expandable shoe that defines an interior region for containing fluidic materials coupled to the expandable tubular liner.

36. A method of forming a wellbore casing in a subterranean formation having a preexisting wellbore casing positioned in a borehole, comprising:

installing a tubular liner, an expansion device, and a shoe that defines an interior region for containing fluidic materials in the borehole;

radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe by injecting a fluidic material into the interior region of the shoe; and

radially expanding at least a portion of the tubular liner using the expansion device.

37. A method of forming a tubular structure in a subterranean formation having a preexisting tubular member positioned in a borehole, comprising:

installing a tubular liner, an expansion device, and a shoe that defines an interior region for containing fluidic materials in the borehole;

radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe by injecting a fluidic material into the interior region of the shoe; and

radially expanding at least a portion of the tubular liner using the expansion device.

38. A method of forming a wellbore casing in a subterranean formation having a preexisting wellbore casing positioned in a borehole, comprising:

installing a tubular liner, an expansion device, and a shoe in the borehole; radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe by injecting a fluidic material into the shoe;

lowering the expansion device into the radially expanded portion of the shoe; radially expanding the expansion device;

- radially expanding at least a portion of the tubular liner by injecting a fluidic material into the borehole below the expansion device; and overlapping a portion of the radially expanded tubular liner with a portion of the preexisting wellbore casing;
- wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded shoe is greater than or equal to the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner; and wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner is equal to or greater than the inside diameter of a nonoverlapping portion of the preexisting wellbore casing.
- 39. A method of forming a tubular structure in a subterranean formation having a preexisting tubular member positioned in a borehole, comprising:
 - installing a tubular liner, an expansion device, and a shoe in the borehole; radially expanding at least a portion of the shoe by injecting a fluidic material into the shoe;
 - lowering the expansion device into the radially expanded portion of the shoe; radially expanding the expansion device;
 - radially expanding at least a portion of the tubular liner by injecting a fluidic material into the borehole below the radially expanded expansion device; and
 - overlapping a portion of the radially expanded tubular liner with a portion of the preexisting tubular member to provide a load bearing interface and a fluidic seal;
 - wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded shoe is greater than or equal to the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner; and
 - wherein the inside diameter of the radially expanded tubular liner is equal to the inside diameter of a nonoverlapping portion of the preexisting tubular member.